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SUBJECT: UN CONFERENCE ON TECHNICAL COOPERATION AMONG DEVELOPING
COUNTRIES (TCDC) -- PLENARY MEETINGS OF SEPTEMBER 11

1. SUMMARY: THE MORNING MEETING WAS DEVOTED MAINLY TO WRAPPING UP THE GENERAL DEBATE WITH BRIEF STATEMENTS BY A VARIETY OF NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS. ALSO AT THAT MEETING, THE PLENARY APPROVED THE REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE, ALTHOUGH NOT BEFORE ANOTHER EXCHANGE BETWEEN THE ARABS (LYBIA) AND ISRAEL. THE CAHIRMAN ANNOUNCED THAT THE CONFERENCE IS EXPECTED TO CONCLUDE ITS WORK BY THE END OF TOMORROW MORNING'S MEETING, SEPTEMBER 12, ONE-HALF DAY AHEAD OF SCHEDULE, SINCE THE MAIN COMMITTEE HAD UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED THE PLAN OF ACTION AT 2:30 AM., SEPTEMBER 11 (SEPTTEL). THE AFTERNOON PLENARY APPROVED MOST OF THE RAPPORTEUR-GENERAL'S REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE AND THREE GROUP OF 77 RESOLUTIONS. THE SOVIET'S LOOKED FOOLISH TRYING UNSUCCESSFULLY TO AMEND A CHINESE STATEMENT IN THE
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CONFERENCE REPORT AFTER THE PLENARY HAD APPROVED THAT PARAGRAPH TWICE.

2. THE NGO'S WHICH SPOKE WERE: INTERNATIONAL CONFEDERATION OF FREE TRADE UNION (ICFTU); WORLD CONFERENCE OF LABOR; INTERNATIONAL DEMOCRATIC FEDERATION OF WOMEN; INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF PROFESSIONAL AND

BUSINESS WOMEN; WORLD FEDERATION OF DEMOCRATIC YOUTH; WORLD ALLIANCE OF YOUTH CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATIONS; WORLD COUNCIL FOR PEACE; AND WORLD COUNCIL OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES. THIS GROUP, WHOSE VIEWS RANGE ACROSS THE POLITICAL SPECTRUM, SPOKE TO THE POINT AND WITH A CLEAR EFFORT TO BE CONSTRUCTIVE IN TERMS OF THIS CONFERENCE'S OBJECTIVE.

3. THE ONLY DISCUSSION WHICH AROSE WHEN THE PLENARY TURNED TO APPROVAL OF THE REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE WAS PROVOKED BY AN INTERVENTION OF THE LIBYAN DELEGATION ("SPEAKING FOR THE ARAB STATES") EXPRESSING A RESERVATION REGARDING THE CREDENTIALS OF THE "ZIONIST ORGANIZATION". CHAIRMAN POZZO THEN SAID THE RESERVATION (WHICH WAS NOT CONTAINED IN THE REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE), WOULD BE RECORDED IN THE CONFERENCE REPORT. ISRAEL THEN TOOK THE FLOOR TO EXPRESS ITS RESERVATION ON THE LYBIAN COMMENT, NOTING THAT SINCE THE LYBIANS AT NO POINT SPECIFIED WHICH MEMBER STATE IT WAS REFERRING TO, THEIR RESERVATION MADE NO SENSE. POZZO SAID ISRAEL'S RESERVATION ALSO WOULD BE RECORDED , ENDING THE EXCHANGE.

4. THE AFTERNOON PLENARY ADOPTED WITHOUT DEBATE CHAPTERS III (ORIGINS OF THE CONFERENCE) AND IV (ATTENDANCE AND ORGANIZATION OF WORK) OF THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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RAPPORTEUR-GENERAL'S DRAFT REPORT. CHAPTER V, WAS NEXT AND CONTAINED THE SUMMARY OF THE PLENARY'S GENERAL DEBATE ON TCDC AS A NEW DIMENSION OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION FOR DEVELOPMENT. THE US DELEGATION ASKED TO HAVE THE TEXT OF PRESIDENT CARTER'S MESSAGE INCLUDED AS AN ANNEX TO THE REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE.

5. AFTER THE PLENARY HAD APPROVED CHAPTER V AND WAS IN THE MIDDLE OF A DISCUSSION OF A G-77 RESOLUTION FAVORING TCDC SUPPORT FOR NAMIBIA, THE UKRAINIAN SSR DELEGATE HARKED BACK TO A SENTENCE IN CHAPTER V WHICH READ AS FOLLOWS: " HE (I.E. THE PRC REP) CAUTIONED AGAINST THE PRACTICE OF USING EMPTY TALK ABOUT "DETENTE" AND DISARMAMENT" AS A COVER FOR EXPANSIONIST AND HEGEMONISTIC ACTIVITIES." FIRST THE UKRAINIAN DELEGATE CLAIMED THAT THE REPRESENTATIVE IN QUESTION HAD NEVER MADE THE STATEMENT SO IT SHOULD BE STRIKEN. THE RAPPORTEUR-GENERAL ANNOUNCED THAT HE HAD THE SPEECH IN QUESTION AND WOULD SHOW IT TO INTERESTED DELEGATIONS. THE CHINESE SAID NOTIHING. TEN MINUTES LATER, THE USSR DELEGATE AGAIN INTERRUPTED THE DISCUSSION ON NAMIBIA TO DEMAND INSERTION OF AN ADDITIONAL SENTENCE.

THE SOMALI REPRESENTATIVE, WITH SOME RELISH, ON A POINT OF ORDER SAID THE REPORT HAD ALREADY BEEN APPROVED AND WAS NO LONGER OPEN FOR DISCUSSION. THE CHAIRMAN AGREED.
THE PLENARY THEN APPROVED THE NAMIBIAN RESOLUTION.

6. THE PLENARY APPROVED TWO FURTHER G-77 RESOLUTIONS ENTITLED NATIONAL RESEARCH AND TRAINING CENTRES OF MULTINATIONAL SCOPE AND TCDC IN THE SPHERES OF EMPLOYMENT AND HUMAN RESOURCES. (TEXTS BEING SENT VIA AIRGRAM).

7. THE FINAL PLENARY, SEPT. 12, NEED ONLY APPROVE THE NOW-CHRISTENED BUENOS AIRES PLAN OF ACTION WHICH WAS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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